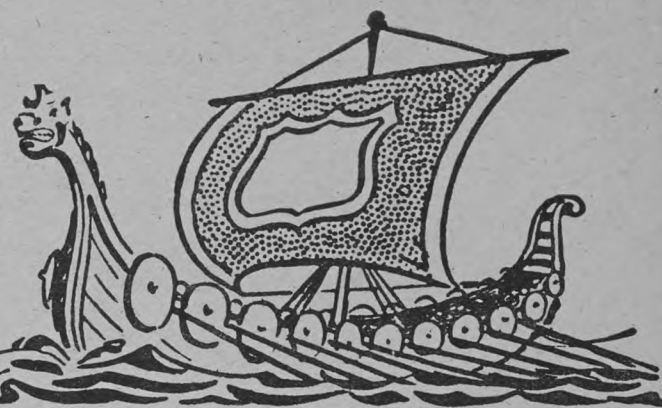




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SONS OF NORWAY CELEBRATE 75th ANNIVERSARY

WHAT TO SEE IN DENMARK



PICTURESQUE DENMARK

There is nothing quite like walking through the cobble-stoned streets of the fairytale town of Ebeltoft in Jutland, Denmark.

Here are some more suggestions for your trip to Denmark. You must not miss taking a sightseeing trip either by City Transport System, sailing on the canals or coach tours are arranged by Copenhagen Excursions. During the summer season there are various tours of Copenhagen, to North Zealand, etc. daily, starting from the City Hall Square. Times of departures and information regarding cost of fares may be obtained from your hotel or any travel bureau.

Conducted Round Trips of the Harbour and Canals take place from May to October and leave from G1. Strand near the statue of the Fishwife and from Kgs. Nytorv near the Memorial Anchor. There are also regular boat trips between Kgs. Nytorv and Christianshavn.

Short Air Trips are arranged in summer, with take-offs from Copenhagen Airport at Kastrup and from Skovlunde aerodrome (S-train to Skovlunde).

There are all kind of sports during the summer, such as cycle racing, football, golf, horse racing, motor racing, trotting racing and tunny fishing, particulars for the

fishing can be obtained from Hotel Kystens Perle, Snekkersten. When you are at Snekkersten, you only have a short trip to **Kronborg Castle at Helsingor (Elsinore)** — itself rich in tradition — is regarded as one of the most beautiful castles in Europe, its imposing situation on a headland at the narrowest part of the Sound sets off its characteristic beauty to full advantage.

The castle was built by Frederik the 2nd at the close of the sixteenth century and is in Dutch Renaissance style. The cannons mounted on the bastions were at one time used to control shipping passing through the Sound, forcing the vessels to pay "Sound Toll." This was abolished in 1857. Around the grey sandstone castle with its green copper roofs, there is a triple rampart with secret passages and casemates where, according to legend, the old giant Holger Danske, still sleeps and will wake up when Denmark is in danger. In a niche in the underground passages you can see a statue of the sleeping giant. In addition, there is an interesting Commercial and Maritime Museum in Kronborg Castle. Castle and museum are

open from May to October. Another special attraction in Elsinore is the beautiful old Church of St. Mariae. Outside the town, facing the open sea, is the well-known and fashionable seaside hotel, Marienlyst, with Denmark's only casino, and a little further north there are a number of popular bathing resorts, including Hornbaek, Gilleleje and Tisvildeleje.

The tour to and from Helsingor should be made along Strandvejen, which foreign visitors have called the "Danish Riviera." This is a most attractive route — particularly during the summer months — following the coast through charming residential areas, picturesque fishing-villages and dense woodlands.

In Charlottenlund (on your way to rium, it is the largest in Europe and is designed on the most modern lines. You will enjoy the submarine animals and plant life here. S-train to Charlottenlund (17 mins) A visit to the Aquarium may well be combined with a trip to North Zealand.

Next months we will tell you of places to see in Jutland.

Directors Meet In Norway

H.M. KING OLAV V of Norway, together with members of the Norwegian government, and representatives of Norwegian cultural, educational, industrial, and financial institutions were the guests at a banquet given by the International Board of Directors of SONS OF NORWAY, in Oslo, Norway on April 17. Preceded by a reception, this event climaxed the first historic meeting of the International Board in Norway, held in conjunction with the 75th Anniversary of the Minneapolis-based organization, the world's largest of Norse birth, descent or affiliation. Representing some 55,000 members, the Board members, headed by Mr. Hilmen E. Kjørlied of Walnut Creek, California, came from North Dakota, Alaska, Maryland, Wisconsin, Oregon, Illinois, Minnesota, New York, British Columbia and Alberta, Canada to the capital city of Norway for the regular spring session, normally held in Minneapolis, where SONS OF NORWAY was founded in 1895. Other Oslo events were a reception given by the Norwegian Prime Minister, Mr. Per Borten, at the ancient

fortress of Akershus, and by the Mayor of Oslo, Mr. Brynjulf Bull at the City Hall. The Board members also attended services at the American Church in Oslo before visiting areas of Norway where their ancestors lived. Mr. Kjørlied visited the village of Selbu, near the city of Trondheim, for official presentation of a special plaque, carrying the names of the S/N founders, most of them hailing from that district, the new S/N flag and the new history of S/N "An American Saga", written by Dr. Sverre Norborg. Mr. Kjørlied also visited the capital city of western Norway, Bergen, for similar ceremonies, commemorating the 900th anniversary of that city.

The Norway events are a part of the year-long SONS OF NORWAY celebrations which include queen and essay contests and seven district conventions in Minneapolis, Minn.; Bremerton, Wn.; Kiamasha Lake, N.Y.; Williston, N.D.; Stoughton, Wisc.; Pasadena, Cal.; Prince George, B.C. and the International Convention, Portland, Ore., in late August.

Lutefisk Supper Draws Large Crowd

A very successful Lutefisk Supper was held at Sexsmith by the "Northern Lights" lodge of Grande Prairie. Approximately 600 people enjoyed their favorite dish of Lutefisk and Meat Balls.

A musical program after the supper included numbers by the Dalen Scandinavian Quartette; accordion solos by Carl Oilund; Lee Oilund on trumpet; Brenda Dalen, voice; a trio-Janice Broughton, Anne Haugseth and Brenda Dalen; accordion duet by Allen Moe and Carl Oilund; violin, Eric Dalen accompanied by Mrs. Nellie Skarberg, and the Northern Lights orchestra under musical organizer, Laurin Johnson. Dancing followed.

Sweden has best record

GENEVA — Sweden is the safest place to have a baby, statistics released by the World Health Organization indicate. They show that by 1966 the maternal death rate in Sweden dropped to a record low of 11.3 per 100,000 live births, compared with 1953 when the rate was 69.0 per 100,000.

HERE AND THERE

We send get well wishes to Mr. Carl Anderson, a patient in Kelowna Hospital, Kelowna, B.C.; to Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Carlson in Wetaskiwin Hospital and Mr. Hans Huseby in the Camrose Hospital. Mr. Anderson and Mr. Carlson are unable to take the flight to Oslo in June.

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SPLINTERS from the BOARD

CENTRE OPERATION -

We now have a drink dispenser in the Viking Room which will eliminate the need to handle bottles and will provide a convenient way to add mix to drinks. Plans are being developed to paint the exterior and interior and to change the basement storage facilities.

The janitor was given a monthly pay increase of twenty-five dollars, effective the 1st of May.

Rental rates for the Danish Society, Finnish Society, Icelandic Society, Solglyt Lodge and Vasa Lodge have been set for the Viking, Nordic and Dania rooms. These groups have the privilege of lower rates and also have the use of the Centre free of charge for cultural events, singing practise, generally any activity where no admission charge is made.

SHARE SALES -

Share sales are handled by Helge Ahlefeldt with eight applications being approved at the April board meeting.

COMPILING RECORDS -

Vice-president Len Petersson will undertake the task of bringing all our records up to date. Our records are in need of revision so Len's scrutinizing will be of great assistance.

SCANDAPADES -

All reports are not finalized, however, it appears that the evening was a financial success for Scandapades '70. Ticket sales totalled approximately \$2,800.00.

GREETINGS -

Mr. Obert Iverson, Autumn Lodge, Berwyn, Alberta sent greeting cards at Easter and Christmas. We appreciate your thoughtfulness and send our best wishes to you, Mr. Iverson.

CHARTER FLIGHTS -

Our Stockholm flight has been cancelled due to insufficient interest. We regret the inconvenience this has caused the passengers who had planned to be on flight No. 32. It is hoped that most of these people will find it practical to go on the Copenhagen flight.

There are many charter flights to Europe this year and some of our competitors appear to have lower rates, however, take into consideration that they do not include airport taxes, flight insurance and lower rates for children.

There will be a 3 week group flight to Scandinavia at Christmas with Scandinavian Airlines. This flight will land at Copenhagen. Watch the paper for further announcements.

RADIO REPORT -

The 'Scandinavian Show' is heard on CFCW every Saturday morning at 10:30. CFCW is 790 KC on your AM dial. The Scandinavian Centre report is broadcast on this program at approximately 11:25 A.M.

Esko Salo will be giving the report in May. If you have something of interest for the broadcast, give him a call at 599-7502.

The broadcast will be given next month by Gunnar Thorvaldson.

PRESIDENTS OF ETHNIC LODGES -

The following list gives the names of the five ethnic group presidents for 1970:

- DANISH - Claus Jacobsen, 10981 - 164 St., 489-1494.
- FINNISH - Sirkka Ristola, 13013 - 82 St., 476-3483.
- ICELANDIC - Earl Valgardson, 6515 - 112A St., 434-6794.
- NORWEGIAN - Stan Hafso, 9147 - 73 Ave., 433-1825.
- SWEDISH - Lennart Petersson, 7412 - 87 Ave., 469-0259.

Hints For Travelling

DON'T FORGET FOR THE FAMILY

Several small cakes of soap - Toilet tissue - Facial tissue - Scotch tape - Extra pair of glasses and copy of prescription - Sun glasses - Suntan lotion - Ballpoint pen and stationery - Detergent in plastic bag - Small clothes line - Sewing kit - First aid kit - Pocket flashlight(s) - Rain boots - 2-cloth towels - Shower cap - Jewelry - Cosmetics; deodorants, toothbrushes, etc. - Medicines (plus prescription for refills) - Wash 'n Dry packettes - Camera, extra film and light meter - Cigarettes (check each countries' allowances - also, travelers who wish cigarettes or liquor may buy them tax-free at the U.S. airport) - Lint brush - Lighter fluid capsules and flints - Scissors - Inflatable hangers - Spot-chief (foil wrapped for drycleaning; removes grease and lipstick) - Plastic rain bonnet(s) - Manicure set - Travel alarm clock - Plastic clothes pins - Extra shoelaces - Pocket knife - Packable umbrella - Travel

iron with current converter - Extra set luggage keys - Name and address book - Pocket dictionary.

PACKING

Make a check list of what you plan to take, keeping your selections to a minimum.

Put any liquids in plastic bottles and fill no more than ¾ full.

Use plastic bags for packing shoes, lingerie . . . for wet bathing suits, etc.

Pack shoes and other odd-shaped or heavy items on the bottom of the case. Tuck socks or stockings inside the shoes or other small items. Use a s few folds as possible when packing skirts, dresses and slacks. Button up jackets and pack face down. Finally, pack bathrobe and nightwear on top for easy access.

It is wise not to put cigarette lighters, perishables, money, your passport or other valuables in your registered luggage. Toilet articles can go in your overnight bag.

The traveller's motto should be: "If in doubt, leave it out!"

COMMENT - - -

Dear Mr. Salo,
It is with great dismay that I reply to your letter of Feb. 25 and your recent letter (without date) pertaining to your 1970 charter flights. It is not possible for me and my sons, due to the extended period of stay, to travel on flight no. 31, and for this reason I request that the advanced payment be refunded.

Attached to this letter you will find one share in the Scandinavian Center which I return. I do not claim a refund for this investment but ask you kindly that its value may be reinvested as it obviously has failed to achieve its aim, which is quoting from your letter of Feb. 25 "to teach our children the Scandinavian way of life."

The modern Scandinavian way of life today is an outstanding example displaying to the world an enormous measure of togetherness and co-operation amongst all parties. I regret deeply being unable to detect these qualities in your center. I hope therefore that my small contribution will help achieve this worthwhile fulfilment.

Rene Jensen
12015 - 102 Ave.
Edmonton.

Dear Shareholders;
On Sunday, the 12th of April, it was my privilege and pleasure to attend a coffee party in the Scandinavian Centre. The Finnish Ladies put a lot of work in displaying the arts and handicrafts of their homeland. The coffee table looked scrumptious with fancy open-faced sandwiches, coffee bread, and a variety of cookies, all accompanied with lovely music in the background. It must have been a terrible disappointment to these ladies to have only five tables of people show up on such a lovely day. Since it is still too early to go to the lake a bigger crowd was expected.

Many worked hard in selling shares, helping to build the Centre to what it is today. We heard a lot about how nice it would be to have a place of our own to bring our families and meet our friends over a cup of coffee, but where was the crowd? It is my opinion that if the original aim of the Centre is to succeed (which was to bring these five ethnic groups together) we must co-operate and support these functions. What do the rest of you think? Let us all show a little more concern for each other.

Yours truly,
Mrs. Alma Samuelson.

Somebody's Mother

The woman was old and ragged and gray,
And bent with the chill of the winter's day;

The street was wet with a recent snow,
And the woman's feet were aged and slow.

She stood at the crossing, and waited long,
Alone, uncared for, amid the throng

Of human beings who passed her by,
Nor heeded the glance of her anxious eyes

Down the street, with laughter and shout,
Glad in the freedom of "school let out",

Came the boys like a flock of sheep
Hailing the snow piled white and deep.

Past the woman so old and gray
Hastened the children on their way,

Nor offered a helping hand to her -
So meek, so timid, afraid to stir

Lest the carriage wheels or the horses' feet
Should crowd her down in the slippery street.

At last came one of the merry troop -
The gayest laddie of all the group;

He paused beside her, and whispered low,
'I'll help you across if you wish to go"

Her aged hand on his strong young arm
She placed, and so, without hurt or harm,

He guided the trembling feet along,
Proud that his own were firm and strong.

Then back again to his friends he went,
His young heart happy and well content.

"She's somebody's mother, boys, you know,
For all she's aged and poor and slow;

"And I hope some fellow will lend a hand
To help my mother, you understand,

"If ever she's poor and old and gray.
When her own dear boy is far away"

And "somebody's mother" bowed low her head
In her home that night, and the prayer she said

Was: "God, be kind to the noble boy
Who is somebody's son and pride and joy."

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IN MEMORIAM

Gislason - in loving memory of our dear father, Gisli, who passed away May 1, 1969. Always remembered and sadly missed by his family and friends.

DANIA DOINGS



We had our last Whistdrive of the season on April 8th. The trophies went to Mrs. Aase Rasmussen and Mr. Niels Udholm for the high scores during the season. Congratulations to both of you.

Again this year for our last evening the Scandia Bakery donated two great big layer cakes with all kinds of whipped cream and good things. It was not too good for our waistslines, but we all had to taste it and no fooling, it was good! We give a big Thank You to the Scandia Bakery. We sincerely hope that we will get more people out for our next season as it really makes a good social evening. Those that attended enjoyed coming, and they don't like to miss a single one of them. Four people win a prize every time, for high and low score. If you have a special evening in the week that you would like it to be on, then write or phone the secretary, Vera Nielsen, and we will see which evening suits everybody best. This year we had a Wednesday evening.

Something new for our May Dance on Friday May 29th in the Viking Room. Every member couple can invite a couple of friends along for free admission - only one couple per member. Hope you will understand this, if not, please phone 454-5438 to get information.

We are pleased to hear that the sick people are all up and around again.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY.



Naturalist: A man who can always throw sevens.

Draft notices are like women: nobody complains about them very much until he gets one of his own.

A typhoon is a hurricane that couldn't afford to go to Florida.

Husband angrily to wife, "What do you really know about money matters?"

"Only that it does," she replied.

An umpire asked another, "What could be worse than missing a play in a World Series?"

"Making a bad call at a Little League game," was the reply.

NEWS FROM THE DANISH CHURCH

May 4th

The 25 year anniversary of the Liberation of Denmark after the second world war will be celebrated in the Danish Church, Monday, May the 4th at 8: pm. It will begin with a Danish service when candles will be placed in the windows as it has become a tradition in Denmark in many homes on this evening. After the service there will be a party in the basement with different entertainment. Those of us who were in Denmark and remember the evening of May 4th, 25 years ago, will never forget it, so let us gather in the Danish Church that night.

Mother's Day

Our Young People's Group has planned a party in the church on Mother's Day, Sunday, the 10th at 8: pm. They invite all to come, singles as well as the whole family. They have prizes for some of the mothers and other surprizes. They urge children to write about their mother and send it to Pastor Filtenborg. The best mother after these descriptions will get a prize.

Other meetings in May

Young People, Tuesday, 5th and

Tuesday, 19th at 7: pm.; Ladies' Aid, Wednesday, 6th, 8:00 p.m.; Ansgar Men's Club, Tuesday, 12th, 8:00 p.m.; Ungdomskredsen, Wednesday, 20th, 8: pm. at Pastor Filtenborg's, 10532 - 48 St., with a special invitation to all newer emigrants; Bible study evening, Tuesday, 26th, 8: pm., and the Danish Young Women's Club, Wednesday, 27th at 8: pm.

Summer camp 1970

We can give some information about the summer camp for 1970. It will be at Sylvan Lake Lutheran Bible Camp again this year. We have reserved for the week of August 15 to August 22nd. This year both Pastor Staal Nielsen from Calgary and Pastor Filtenborg from Edmonton will be able to attend. Further information will soon be sent out or can be obtained from Pastor Filtenborg. We are now ready to register the children. Send the following information to Pastor Filtenborg: The child's name, birthday, the parents' name and address and telephone number and the child's number at the Alberta Health Care Ins. Comm.

FINNISH SOCIETY



Don't forget to buy your tickets to the "Vappu" dance. They are available from any board member at \$3.00 each. A good orchestra and delicious smorgasboard will be there for your enjoyment. Suomi Choir is going to sing, etc.

Many thanks to Mr. John Liimatainen who made and donated a "soppakauha" to the Finnish Society.

-The Executive.

The annual fishing contest was held on March 22 at Lac La Nonne with more than 25 people taking part in the contest. Ladies' trophy was won by Anja Sahuri with 16 lbs of fish, Sirkka Ristola was second with 10¼ lbs. and Anneli Thurlin came third with 7½ lbs. Men's trophy was won by Pekka Utunen with 16¼ lbs of fish, Vaino Rastas was second with 15 lbs. and Veikko Leino won the third place with 10¼ lbs. This year the children weren't very lucky, for none of them caught any fish. After the contest everyone gathered at the cottage of Mr. and Mrs. Kit who had coffee and "mojakka" ready for everyone's enjoyment.

Many thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Steve Kit for the lunch and coffee which really was enjoyed by all after the fishing contest.

On behalf of Finnish Society -Sirkka Ristola.

Many thanks ot Marja Laine who was the hostess of March sewing circle. There was a good attendance and everyone enjoyed the viewing of slides which were taken by Marja during her travels to different countries of Europe.

A baby shower was held on March 6th in honour of Mrs. Sylvia Uusikorpi at the home of Mr. and Mrs. V. Nurme, delicious lunch and coffee was enjoyed by all who came to wish happiness to the baby-to-be.

Congratulations and best wishes to Aija and Minor Arsenault on the birth of their daughter Tanya Lynne, on March 19th, 1970.

Congratulations to Irja and Julius Joljart who are pleased to announce the birth of their second daughter Karen Elizabeth on March 31st, 1970, a sister for Michelle.

Mr. and Mrs. George Jaakkola of Vancouver, B.C. visited with friends and relatives in Edmonton, recently.

Many thanks for the flowers I received while in hospital recently.

-Mrs. Irja Joljart.

Many beautiful Finnish items were on display at the recent Finnish Cultural Coffee Party. Miss Marja Laine, dressed in her native Finnish costume, gave an added splendor as she directed visitors around the display tables. Delicate pastry and delicious sandwiches were prepared by Mrs. Irja Kuusela and Mrs. Maria Luoma. Recorded Finnish folk music made for relaxing listening. Many thanks to all the ladies of the Finnish Society who so freely gave of their time to help in the kitchen. We invite you to come and visit with us again at our next Finnish Cultural Coffee party.

Francia Harvonen and Elfrieda Lehtiniemi.

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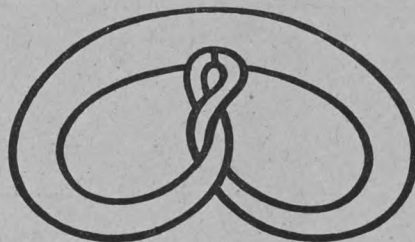
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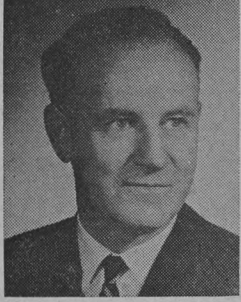
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SOLGLYT

COMING EVENTS

May 17 —
A banquet in the Viking Room, Scandinavian Centre.

May 30 —
Monthly business meeting and social. (Horse racing).

On March 25th a good number of members turned out for the initiation of a large number of candidates. The evening's highlight was the entertainment by the Camrose Barbershop Quartet which was enjoyed by all. A lovely lunch was served by some of our younger girls.

Sympathy goes out to Hanna Faltinson in the passing of her younger sister in Norway.

Jean and Roy Faltinson have returned from a vacation to the eastern United States and Jamaica.

Alvin and Ella Searl spent Easter week-end in Victoria visiting their daughter, Anita and husband, Wilf Trapler.

Congratulations to Clara and Joe Lineham on the birth of their second grandson, Joseph Arthur.

Best wishes to Knut Svidal, our Supreme Director, who attended the spring session of the International Board of Directors in Oslo, Norway. The meeting was held at the Hotel Continental.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Tychsen and family, also Aasa Haukaness, spent the weekend of April 4 and 5th at Medicine Hat attending the wedding of their neice Linda.

Mr. Alf Hammerstad is recovering at the Royal Alexandra Hospital. Alf is Ruth's brother and hails from Beaver Lodge, Alta.



Sister Min, our esteemed Financial Secretary, who had the misfortune to fall and break her right arm at our February dance, has now returned from the hospital with the hardware and cast removed. We hope the therapy will get you back perking again. Best wishes from us all.

Hilda and Pete Oko spent Easter at Vancouver with their daughter Caroline.

June and Gordon Sivertsen of Calgary spent ten days at Easter soaking up the sun at Las Vegas.

Sisters Olga McBride and Marion Iverson chair the Sewing Club every other Wednesday night at the Scandinavian Centre. The girls are busy making quilts, working for a bazaar in the fall. The girls are doing a swell job as well as having a barrel of fun. Please come out, ladies, to assist the gang — they need plenty of useful things by the time fall rolls around.

Sick Committee Report — Gladys Clark.

Mr. Robert Hansen is now home after being hospitalized. In the hospital are: Mr. and Mrs. Erling Nordlie, Mrs. Ingrid Logergren and Ella Searl.

Mrs. Mathilda Quale has returned to her home in Regina after spending the winter in Edmonton with her two daughters, Kai Geig and Gladys Clark.

Clara Lineman is busy putting the Drill Team in shape for the Fourth District Convention at Wiliston, N.D.

Your reporter for June will be Bertha Nohr.

SPOTLIGHT



**LUNCHEON SPEAKER
DR. L. JOHNSON
OF THE UNIVERSITY**

Torske Klubben members had the pleasure of having Dr. L. Johnson as guest speaker at their noon luncheon on April 7th. Dr. Johnson is chairman of the Department of Genetics, University of Alberta, advisor to the Ford Foundation, and representative of the International Rice Research Institute. In addition he has had six books published, the most recent of which is a biography on William Aberhart, seventy scientific papers, about forty short stories, numerous popular articles and a few poems.

The Torske Klubben meets the first Tuesday of each month at the Scandinavian Centre and will have Ray Reiersen as guest speaker on May 5th.



Stavanger Aftenblad Wins U.S. Award

Stavanger Aftenblad, the 45,000 circulation afternoon newspaper published in Norway's fourth largest city, has won the 1970 World Press Achievement Award of the American Newspaper Publishers Association.

Mr. Per Thomsen, publisher and Editor-in-Chief of the newspaper, accepted the gold medallion award at the ANPA's annual convention in New York's Waldorf Astoria on April 22. Mr. Thomsen has been awarded a \$2,500 travel grant in order that he may inspect daily newspaper operations in the United States and Canada.

The rules for the award stipulate that the recipient paper shall have contributed to the social, political, economic and cultural growth of the district and the country in which it is published. The 16-man journalism advisory board that nominated Stavanger Aftenblad for the award emphasized the social and humanitarian achievements of the paper, and noted that its collection drive for relief to Biafra had brought in 560,000 kroner. That amounts to \$2.00 per copy of the paper. The jury also stressed the paper's campaign to strengthen the sea rescue system in Norway by employing helicopters. (Funds have later been appropriated for the purchase of three helicopters for this purpose. Stavanger Aftenblad also took the initiative to legally forbid supersonic planes from flying over inhabited areas.

The award committee stated that Editor Thomsen himself is responsible in large measure for the journalistic and economic success of the paper since he assumed the editorship in 1955. Mr. Eugene C. Pulliam, founding president of the ANPA, pointed out that the editor has a strong belief in freedom of the press and has long been opposed to the subsidization of Norwegian newspapers by political parties. Mr. Pulliam said the paper has been an absolutely independent voice in the service of society.

Did You Know?

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"I don't plan to get married until I find a girl just like the girl who married my grandfather," the farm-hand bachelor said.

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BUFORD NEWS

Two rinks from the Buford Vasa Curling Club entered the Provincial playoffs on March 21st. These rinks were skipped by Fred Hamilton and Alf Hoyem. They didn't bring the trophy home but they enjoyed trying for it. Our congratulations go to the Calgary rink that took the trophy and our thanks to Skandia Curling Club for an enjoyable day.

Vernon and Goody Pearson celebrated their Silver Wedding on March 21st in the Glen Park Hall. There was dancing until midnight when a delicious turkey supper was served. Bouquets of chrysanthemums, tall tapers, and a Norwegian wedding cake decorated the head table. Vocal renditions were given by Avis Pearson and her son Glenn accompanied by Carol Vaage on the piano.

Clare and Alice Evanson went by plane to Las Vegas for a short holiday.

Albin and Wanda Markstedt and Harry and Jurdis Nacuk spent part of the Easter holidays in Banff.

Our annual Smorgasbord was held on April 10th. A capacity crowd enjoyed the supper which was followed by the usual program and dance.

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VASA LODGE SKANDIA



The April meeting of Vasa Lodge Skandia was held on Saturday, the fourth at 7:00 p.m. Chairman Lenart Petersson presided.

Three new members accepted into the Order were James Markstrom, Roy Maxwell, and Henry Lodge.

Members reported as sick include John Enger, John Jarret, Gust Lundgren, Per Hoglund, John Ogren, Ottar Sund, Joan Knutson, Linnea Christensen, Davida Ogren, and Charlotte Samuelson.

The District Curling 'Spiel' held in St. Albert on March 21 was a great success. Eight teams in all were present two from each participating lodge. Calgary captured the trophy this year. It was presented by District Master John Holmlund to the skip of the winning team, Glen Erickson. Carl Hartson's team from Edmonton took booby. The Lodge ladies prepared an excellent supper for the curlers and their supporters, and dancing followed.

The Land Committee held a meeting recently and reported that the new name for the lake property will be Vasa Club.

Lunch was donated and served by Ruth Shaw, Ivy Ogren, Davida Ogren, and Lillian Collins. Following lunch Helge Erickson instructed in ring dances.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Saturday, May 2:

7:00 p.m. — Regular monthly meeting of Vasa Lodge Skandia will be held in the Nordic Room of the Scandinavian Centre.

9:00 p.m. — Don and Evelyn Johnson are hosting an evening of Bingo.

Friday, May 8:

7:00 p.m. — Sportsmen's Award Night. This is the night the bowlers and curlers honor their own, after a meal put on by the Ladies' Auxiliary in the Viking Room of the Scandinavian Centre. Emil Weiss and Joyce Hawkes are in charge of arrangements. Tickets for non bowlers and curlers are available at \$3.00 each from any bowler or curler.

Wednesday, May 13:

1:30 p.m. — The Ladies' Auxiliary will hold their regular monthly meeting in the home of Emma Nelson, 10733 - 73 Ave.

Saturday, Sunday May 16 and 17:

Lethbridge Lodge is hosting a workshop in Lethbridge.

VASA GLIMPSES

Now that Spring has arrived, Larry Comin would like to remind you that his cabin at Vasa Club is for sale.

Lulu Lundgren and daughter Lisa have been visiting Ida McMillan in Vancouver. After their holiday, John Enger visited with the Lundgrens in Saskatoon.

Easter seems to have been a time for travelling. Millie Weiss was visiting with relatives in Saskatchewan, and Bud and Certe Holmgren have been in Vancouver.

Ken Banks was in Cleveland, Ohio for a week, on a course.

Esther Erickson has been on a trip to California.

Wayne Modin of Toronto has won a Sportsmanship award from the league of eight teams with whom he plays hockey. Not only has Wayne been busy winning a trip and an award, but his wife, Audrey, recently won a prize at an A.C.T. dance for her Klondike Costume. Evelyn Modin has been in Toronto babysitting while Wayne and Audrey enjoyed their won holiday in the Florida area.

Congratulations to Bjorn and Tessa Bennstrom in Rome, Italy, on the birth of their fourth son. Jonathan Robert weighed in at 10 pounds, 11 ounces on March 17.

Best wishes are extended to Peter Johnson and his wife Emma. They were married on Friday, April 3.

Congratulations also to Art and Shirley Welda on the arrival of their son, Bradley Arthur. April 9 was the birthdate, and 6 pounds, 10 ounces the birthweight.



DID YOU KNOW?

The Sons of Norway this year celebrates its 75th anniversary and as an organization has been in Alberta since 1913 when the Edmonton Lodge of Sons of Norway was founded. The membership in Alberta is 900 members in lodges in Edmonton, Grande Prairie, Calgary and Claresholm, with a new lodge being organized in Camrose.

There was a young lady of Florence, Who for kissing professed great abhorrence;

But when she'd been kissed,

And found what she'd missed,

She cried till the tears came in torrents.

Lost in one of London's pea-soupers, an American tourist heard footsteps. He called out, "Could you please tell me where I am going?"

"Into the canal," replied a sad voice from the fog. "I've just come out."

DR. MAX TAU, the Norwegian writer and humanist, will go to Copenhagen, on April 19 to receive the 150,000 kroner Sonning Prize for his achievements as a spokesman for the finest in European culture and for peace and reconciliation. Last year's recipient was the Icelandic author Halldor Laxness, and previously the Prize has been awarded to Albert Schweitzer and Pater Fire.

Scandinavian History and Culture Probed

RADIO CKUA — DEC. 28, 1969

Today I have with me in the studio Miss Donna Jaeger, a graduate student of the University of Alberta, and Dr. Tom Nelson to hold another discussion on the subject of Saga women.

Miss Jaeger:

You mentioned that healer was a kenning for a woman. Does this mean that women were responsible for the medical treatment in those days?

Dr. Nelson:

Yes, as a matter of fact, it does. Women provided whatever true medical care was to be had. In Saint Olaf's Saga, the author Snorre Sturlason tells of a house used as an emergency hospital. In the house was a "leek" woman who gave those with deep wounds in the trunk a little leek to eat before starting treatment. The leek of course is a green onion and if the woman physician could smell the leek at the site of the wound, she would not try to heal it. It was considered fatal. For treatment, similarly, there were "leech" women too, who looked after external infections.

Donna Jaeger:

How close were men and women in those days? Did they love one another?

Dr. Nelson:

Love is, of course, manifested both as a feeling and as a way of acting toward another person. The Northmen were not romantic about the marriage union until near the close of the Viking period when their cultural attitudes began to reflect those groups with which they were in frequent contact. Romantic love came in as cultural isolation ceased. Relations were doubtless very close in many cases. There are many stories of hardships women endured to be with their husbands. All throughout the early period, women and men were buried side by side with equal care being taken in dress and other arrangements: one can expect that if they were fortunate enough under the harsh conditions of life existing then to live together for a period of years, they must have been very close indeed. However, the stories from the period more typically tell us of marriages terminated by death after a few years. This must have made the Scandinavians, as others of that period, hesitant in investing too much in any single relationship because it was not realistic to expect it to last over a long duration. We must be aware also that the picture given just a moment ago of man-woman relationships just holds only for the warriors of the Viking period. The stay-at-home peasant could not afford captive women. Not every family was so dissipated, even during the peak of the Viking era. Lastly, we must not forget that most of the pagan era in Scandinavia was pre-Viking, the Northmen culture of this period probably had an old fashioned patriarchal structure with the virtues the Roman writer Tacitus describes.

Donna Jaeger:

What was the ideal woman like?

Dr. Nelson:

We have already discussed ideals from perspectives of religion, social position, and the Saga and Edda literature. Let's, then, deal with this question on another level. Physically, the ideal women was a tall person with very pale skin; blond or red hair was preferred. The woman's hair would be worn long and down her back until marriage. After the time of marriage, it would be rolled on top of her head, in some way, and usually covered with a cap or a coif of linen or wool.

Donna Jaeger:

You have started to talk about dress. Can you say something more about this?

Dr. Nelson:

Oh, yes! There is a fair amount of evidence on this from several sources, even though it's not exhaustive in all cases.

We know that a good appearance would be made by a wife wearing a long sleeveless dress. Pale skin, particularly that of the arms, was considered to be of great beauty. A woman's arms were shown at full length when the family entertained or attended important functions. Arms were covered with a sleeveless cape when the person was exposed to sun or wind. The cape was such that it could be thrown back when not required, as for example, indoors. Girls are sometimes shown to wear a short skirt and long boots, but less is known about the dress of the young. Undergarments evidently included a plain or pleated chemise of fine fabric, and weave.

Vikings loved splendour, but the man restricted himself to an elegant, elaborately embroidered headband and a braided or twisted ring of silver or gold, Arabic or German silver being esteemed more than gold.

The women had no such restrictions and wore much more jewellery. Often the breast portion of her garment would be covered with a sort of external brassiere made of bronze. A container made of silver, containing scissors, needles, keys and a knife, sometimes hung from her neck. At other times, the objects hung from the domed bronze brooches on fine chains. The well dressed woman also wore an abundance of elaborate rings, necklaces, and bracelets. Peasant wives owned jewellery of a quality that is almost non-existent today. The Viking society is generally considered superior to our own along artistic lines, in common with many other earlier societies.

It is not possible for me to imagine a couple handsomer or grander than that represented by a woman so attired when escorted by a well-to-do Viking man. He would wear tailored but loose fitting and battle-designed garments and carry a silver inlaid sword, axe, spear and shield exposed to view. Complementing the flowing garments of his wife would be the man's long cloak, almost reaching the ground at two points over to one side. The cloak was always thrown to leave one arm free. The free weaponed arm was covered with his tunic, the cuffs of which were as richly worked as his headband.

Incidentally, the coloured cartoon strip "Prince Valiant" seems to provide a fairly good depiction of northern norms of ideal womanhood in the person of the "Queen of Thule," the prince's wife.

Donna Jaeger:

Aren't these answers too nice? It sounds a little too much like a Sunday School teacher trying to satisfy the questioning of the traditional middle-aged Victorian spinster! What happened to that lusty sexual appetite everyone seems to attribute to the Vikings? Maybe the idea of female beauty should include a few physiological items you forgot to mention! Do you have an answer for this?

Dr. Nelson:

In one way or another we always seem to return to the topic of sexual relationships, don't we? It seems to be one of the remarkable peculiarities of our culture. Maybe it is as the ancient skald promised "The tongue plays on the broken tooth".

This is just another way of saying that perhaps the conversation is becoming too culture bound. In any case, I don't think there is as much missing as you suggest. First, however, you should be assured that in no way am I trying to undo what was previously said. The Northman's society was truly erotic. The god of growth, rain, sunshine — of prosperity, in brief — was Frey. He was also the god of sexual intercourse and was always appropriately shown with a huge erect phallus. Along with Odin and Thor, Frey was the most important of deities. Intercourse was therefore tinged with religious significance as well as pleasure. Families were large by any standards, and there is little doubt that both women and men enjoyed the bed.

In direct answer to your question, I should like to say that even though the Northman society was certainly among the most erogenous, the Northman did not confound womanly beauty with sexual functions in a way we do today. They appear to have maintained a reasonably sharp distinction between sexual action and beauty. Our society no longer appears to be capable of making this distinction. Consider, for example, that beauty contests have been abolished from campus by many undergraduate student groups because, so it is claimed, attention to beauty serves only to maintain a woman in the status of a sexual commodity or object. Students are quite representative of our culture in thinking that the function of beauty in dress, adornment, or speech is solely to whet man's sexual appetite. Curiously, they have no respect for the visual, auditory, olfactory or cutaneous sensory systems here. The hypothesis seems to be that all perception is mediated by organic sensitivity when sex is one of the items involved. This notion is so widespread that when a female professor or graduate student adorns herself richly and wears jewellery, she immediately opens herself to the suggestion that she is trying to play upon her "sexuality". Consistent with this, the student who comes to class looking as though she stepped from the pig's barn is given points for a sort of "a sexual honesty". A closer look, however, often shows excessively tight or open clothing, clothing which seems designed to emphasize sexuality as accurately and in as much detail as that of a prostitute or a harem girl.

Donna Jaeger:

You are suggesting, then, that aesthetics or the sense of beauty played an important part in male-female relationships along with sex?

Dr. Nelson:

That is what I have been trying to do. It seems clear that one of the strengths of the Northman's society was beautiful women. The family held together and the ancient Scandinavian wife was highly respected despite the importation of large numbers of slave girls. If the women were sexual objects to the extent they are today, families may have been as unstable as today's.

The Northmen society did not organize formal beauty contests so far as we know. However, if they did, they would not have used the 36-20-36 inch criteria typical of North America. This, to them, would have been as foolish as defining male attractiveness by height, weight, or more analogously, the size of male genitalia. They would

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MAY 31 -

The Saga Singers will give their
second concert in the Markerville
Town Hall, beginning at 2:00 p.m.
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attend.

The Logberg-Heimskringla, the
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lished in Winnipeg, has launched a
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Mrs. Lauga Peterson from Gimli
visited her daughter Mickey Shaw
in Edmonton during April. A flying
trip.

Joanne Catherine Hirst, eldest
daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank
Hirst of Hay River, N.W.T., married
Const. Earl John Adams, the son of
Mr. and Mrs. John Adams, Sunnyside,
P.E.I., January 17, 1970 in the
Riverton Lutheran Church, Riverton,
Manitoba. The reception was held
at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kris
Crimolfsen.

Sharon Irene Hirst, daughter of
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hirst of Hay
River, N.W.T., became the bride

of Laurier Joseph Dragon, son of
Mrs. Odina Dragon of Plamondon,
Alberta on February 7th, 1970 in
Hay River. A reception took place
at the Catholic School Gymnasium,
followed by a dance at Sivertz
Sports Center.

Don Shaw's grandparents, Mr.
and Mrs. Gislason, who live in Betel,
are celebrating their sixty-fifth
wedding anniversary this month.

Phyllis and Marino Kristjanson
entertained the Menzies family from
Winnipeg over the Easter week-
end. Mrs. Menzies is Phyllis' sister.

Friends of Joe and Lily Johann-
son of Markerville are glad to see
that Lily has improved in health.
The Johannsons were visiting rela-
tives and friends in Edmonton, ac-
companied by their daughter and
Mrs. Johannson's sister. They have
just returned from a month's vaca-
tion in British Columbia where they
visited people in Vancouver and on
the Island, including a visit to Hofn.
They stayed with Bertha Key while
on the Island.

Gordon and Penny Cameron had
a son, Trevor William, on March
23. A brother for Tracy Lorraine.
Proud grandparents are Margaret
and Don Cameron and Pat and Al-
bert Barry.

Lorne Malcolm from Winnipeg
was visiting with the Barney Thor-
lakson family. He is a brother to
Mrs. Thorlakson.

Stoney Thorsteinsson, Earl Val-
gardson's uncle from Vancouver,
visited with Earl and family in Ed-
monton.

Lillian and Henry Sumarlidason
are showing the pictures of their
trip to the senior citizens in Innis-
fail on May 13.

Lillian MacPherson and children
spent Easter in Lundar, Man., with
her grandparents, John and Helga
Johannson, who then moved to Betel

in Gimli. Lillian's sister and brother
from Vancouver were also there, and
all three went to Regina during
Easter week to visit with their
parents, Hafsteinn and Lillian Bjarn-
nason.

Steve and Audrey Benediktson re-
turned from Australia in April.

Lucille Oddson entertained a
group of friends at a shower for
Skippy, Mrs. Jake Henrickson's
daughter on April 24. Skippy was
also the recipient of a miscellaneous
shower on April 15th held in her
honor by her bridesmaids. Her wed-
ding to Mr. Barry Harvey will take
place May 30th at Strathcona Bap-
tist Church.

Mrs. Thelma Johannson spent the
month of April in Wales visiting
her daughter and son-in-law, Mar-
garet and Harold Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Murray Johnson
and baby daughter Shelley of St.
Laurent, Manitoba, spent the Easter
holidays with Murray's brother and
sister-in-law, Ron and Gail Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Smith and
family vacationed in Victoria dur-
ing Easter week. While on the is-
land they enjoyed a picnic with
Fusi and Gladys Arnfinson at Sooke.

Overnight guests at the home of
Walter and Margaret Reykdal were
Lorne and Winnie Johnson of Oak
Point, Manitoba.

Joe and Eleanor Farrell (nee
Henrickson) are happy to announce
the birth of a daughter, Stephanie
Lynn, 4 pounds, 15 ounces on April
9th.

Don't forget the scrapbook con-
test of be turned in at the Fjallkona
ceremony, May 25th. The scrap-
books should contain general in-
formation on Iceland and its peo-
ple. There are two categories for
judging purposes: 12 years and un-
der, and 12 to 16 years.

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probably have liked the idea of
beauty contests but would have de-
fined the dimensions so that they
represented human accomplishments
in dress, attitude and bearing de-
veloped while striving toward so-
cially defined ideals. We might
learn something here.

Related to this, there is another
distinction between societies that
might be favourable to the North-
man society. Ideals of virtue as well
as ideals of health were defined
according to sex, but not on the
basis of erotic physiology.

There was probably less conflict
within the family because this basis
of competition between sexes was
almost non-existent. Women were
provided few cultural incentives to
become man-like or men to become
woman-like. In point, homosexuality
was strongly discouraged. Homo-
sexuality, along with cowardice and
treason were the only crimes, and
all punishable by death, recognized
by the early Northman societies.
This is not to deny that in later
Viking times we find scattered, al-
though derogatory, reference to
homosexuality.

The chief virtue, for woman as
well as man, was in doing what
must be done without show of fear
and without complaint, no matter
what was felt. Each was conditioned
in their own way to accept what
the three Norn sisters had woven for

them on their loom of fate. There is
an account in the Saga of Egil Skal-
lagrimsson of an older woman who
is hostess to a great party. During
the course of the party she feels her-
self becoming very ill and excuses
herself to go off in isolation and to
die. In this way she does not spoil
what she has prepared and she has
been remembered for this act 700
years at least. And in the most
famous Saga of all, that of *Burnt
Njaal*, a couple are trapped by
enemies in their house and the
house set afire. He decides he can't
leave without the certainty of being
killed in an ignominious manner.
She knows that to live she must
risk falling in thrall to the familie's
enemies. They don't discuss the
matter, plead, or pray for deliver-
ance or mercy. Instead they lie in
their bed and talk together until
they are burned. The scene must be
one of the most moving in all the
literature of the world.

If we are to fully understand the
ideals of beauty and virtue, we
must deal with their notions of
death. Our society shoves death un-
der the table, while the women
and men of pagan times spent their
whole life in active preparation for
it. This topic takes us far beyond
the present, however. We will deal
with it when we talk about the
Northman's idea of the road to hell.
The word "hell," incidentally, is
from pagan Scandinavia and not of
Christian origin.

Donna Jaeger:

Even if this is accepted, the im-
pact of polygamy upon the family
must have been great.

Dr. Nelson:

Agreed. The polygamy in many
famous houses of the Viking era
ends in what the Icelandic Vigfus-
son calls "a slough of bastards and
pseudo-bastards". The weakness is
well chronicled in the *Sturlunga
Saga* which contains stories about
events at the end of the Viking
period.

The strength of the ordinary fam-
ily lasted throughout, however, and
is obvious in the figures of speech
referring to it. Metaphors, include
"phalanx against foe," "locked
shields," "heritage-warden," "fruit-
tree," "stockade," "avenger," "ash
tree" and so forth.

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Book Review

THE BLACK CLIFFS
GUNNAR GUNNARSSON. University of Wisconsin Press, Madison, Wisc. 1967 XXXVIII, 222 pp. \$4.95.

In the summer of 1918 Gunnar Gunnarsson was a passenger on a ship that sailed along Baroastrond, on the north side of Breioafjorour. There he caught a glimpse from the sea of the ruins of the old farm of Sjounda where two murders had occurred in 1802. At the sight of the farm he was seized by the idea of writing a novel on the subject of the murders. This he did some ten years later after a study of the still extant records of the trial of the guilty pair (a man and a woman).

The result was the novel Svartfugl published in Danish in 1929 and now at last available in English. This story is no journalistic rehash of the murders but rather a psychological reconstruction — an attempt to visualize the circumstances, the motives, and the passions of the murderers and the murdered, and the emotional and spiritual reactions of all those in any way connected with the trial of the suspects. The result is a mighty drama unfolded with great psychological insight.

The story is told with great skill. There is an ominous quality about the opening chapters, like the low, rumbling thunder of an approaching storm. When the storm breaks the reader is overwhelmed, not by the sordid details of the murders but by the overpowering passions of the participants. The characters of the two unfortunate couples are so visualized that pity, not only for the murdered but even more for those who were guilty, is the prin-

cipal reaction of the reader. Pity, also, is felt for the poor young curate of Saurbaer church who was forced by his sense of duty to God and Man to bring the case to the notice of the authorities despite the feeling of guilt he thereby experienced.

The only character who does not arouse this sense of pity is the unimaginative judge with his purely legalistic approach. Though the community generally approved of the young curate's decision, there were those who did not, such as the curate's superior the Reverend Jon Ormsson who felt that the case should have been left to the judgement of God who has his own way of punishing transgressors. It is not clear what Gunnar Gunnarsson's own view was; he seems to pass no judgement but sympathizes with all these human beings caught in the grim trap of circumstance and human passion. He has created a tragedy that may well take its place beside the great tragedies of literature.

An important feature of the book is the long introduction with its account of Gunnarsson's life and works.

The publishers were in a quandary about the title of the book. A literal translation of Svartfugl (Blackbird) would be meaningless as Svartfugl refers to birds of the auk family (the Alcids): black above, white below. Gunnarsson's symbolism is that Bjarni, the murderer, is both black and white (Bad and good). "The Black Cliffs" refers to the cliffs where the Svartfugl nests in summer.

—T. J.

Logberg-Heimskringla.

Four New National Parks In Norway

The Parliament of Europe has declared 1970 European Conservation Year, and the governments of Western Europe are planning a number of actions in this connection. The Norwegian Government on February 6 announced the designation of four new areas as national parks. The new parks are located in Upper Pasvik in the municipality of Sor-Varanger in Finnmark; Stabbursdalen in Porsanger municipality, also in Finnmark; Anderdalen in Tranoy, Troms; and Gressamoen in Snasa, Nord-Trondelag. The Government's action doubles the number of national parks in Norway.

The general purpose is to conserve types of nature which are peculiar to Norway and to the part of the country in which they are located.

FURTHER PLANS

The four new parks were included in the 1967 plan presented to the Government by the Council for the Conservation of Nature. The plan calls for two more areas to be designated as national parks before the end of 1970, namely Ovre Dividal in Troms county and Femundsmarka in Hedmark county. An area in Sorfold, Nordland, has been proposed more recently.

In conjunction with the proposed Femundsmarka park, Swedish authorities are planning a large national park on their side of the border. Considerable interest has been expressed in the Nordic Council for the idea of cooperating to establish adjacent protected areas on both sides of an international border. The primary consideration is to create

places of refuge for species in Nordic fauna which are in danger of extinction, such as bear and wolf. COMPLETELY PROTECTED AREAS

Animal and plant life will be allowed to develop as freely as possible in the four new national parks, and at the same time, visitors will be able to enjoy outdoor life in untouched natural surroundings. Landscapes will be protected against the building of roads and railroads, against mining, against the construction of dams in rivers and lakes, against power and telephone lines, and against the building of cabins, houses and all other structures.

Wild animals and birds will be protected. All plants and living and dead trees will also be protected from any damage not caused by the grazing of animals. Visitors in the parks will be allowed to fish and to pick berries. There is a prohibition against introducing new plants or new species of animals.

The natural environment of the national parks will be protected from motorized traffic on land or water and the landing of any type of aircraft, except when necessary for police or other emergency reasons. Exceptions will be granted to persons engaged in the herding of reindeer who need to use snow-scooters or other motorized vehicles in the wintertime.

The national parks will be under the administration of the National Forestry Division (Direktoratet for Statens Skoger) and the Ministry of Labor and Municipal Affairs.

—News of Norway.

Guest Nite Friday May 29th "DANIA"

will hold a guest nite, that is, a Dance where each member can bring a NONE member guest along for free admission to the dance. Bring your friends and let them see for themselves, what the Danish Society is like.

Everybody should have a nice time, so be sure to bring your friends for an enjoyable evening.

Only one guest per member or one couple per member couple.

Have a nice long weekend May 16th.

A poodle and a cocker spaniel met in the park. The poodle said, "My name's Fifi. What's yours?" Replied the spaniel: "I think it's Down Boy."

Mother: "Junior, why don't you take your little sister fishing with you today?"

"No," said Junior firmly. "The last time she tagged along I didn't catch a fish."

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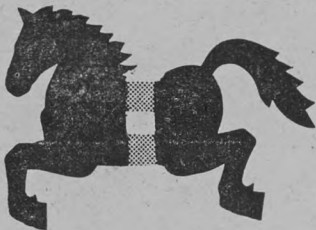
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The summer training will be at the usual place, Kinsmen Park, every Tuesday night. New players are always welcome, so if you have been thinking about what exercise you need after the long winter, how about giving handball a chance?

It is now a good 10 years since the Freja Handball Club was established, so come and celebrate this achievement with us at the dance at the Elmwood Park Community Hall, 125 Avenue and 75 St., on May 9, 1970 at 9:00 p.m. Hope to see you there.

The original ice skates were made from cow bones ground down and shaped to make a traveling surface. They were strapped to the feet for skating. These have been found in all Scandinavian countries. The earliest dated example is that found at Bjorko, Sweden, a town that flourished between the 8th and 10th centuries.

Sons Of Norway Offer
Two Scholarships

The University of Oslo will hold its 23rd International Summer School in 1970 during the months of June - July - August. The dates have not yet been announced but will be published in THE VIKING as soon as they are available. The Supreme Lodge Sons of Norway is again awarding two scholarships, each for \$750. Successful candidates must provide the balance of money needed. In order to qualify, the candidates must be members of Sons of Norway or sons or daughters of Sons of Norway members. All applicants must also meet the International Summer School requirements. This means that they must have completed at least two years of college or university study with a grade average of "C" or better. Each candidate must submit evidence showing that he or she meets this requirement. Other qualifications to be considered will include:

— What prior interest has the candidate shown in the field of Norwegian study?

— Does the candidate have a definite program of study at the University of Oslo Summer School, a definite goal for the trip?

— Is the candidate in a position to put the material to use after his or her return, and to share the results of the summer school study with others?

— Does the candidate need financial assistance in order to make the trip?

While candidates are at liberty to file applications with local groups in addition to the Supreme Lodge, no candidate will be permitted more than ONE Sons of Norway grant.

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